to such Utilities that reduce cash losses over the base year of 2000-01. The Government has sanctioned 583 projects amounting to Rs. 19180.46 crores under investment component of APDRP so far, out of which APDRP component is Rs. 9264.65 crores and the Government has already released an amount of Rs. 6131.70 crores under this component of programme. An aggregate amount of 1536.64 crore has been released as incentive to eight States under incentive component of APDRP.

Survey of Dhauliganga Phase-II and Gauriganga Phase-I by NHPC

†3907. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHPC has decided to survey the Dhauliganga Phase-II and Gauriganga Phase-I; and

(b) if so, by when the survey work of these projects is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has arleady completed the Survey and Investigation (S&I) at the site of the project by the name of Dhauliganga-Intermediate Stage Hydroelectric Project (HEP) (210 MW) (not Dhauliganga Phase-II) and has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to Central Electricity Authority (CEA). NHPC had also carried out the S&I of Gauriganga Stage-I HEP (60MW) and submitted the Feasibility Report to CEA.

Signing of MoUs for setting-up new power plants

3908. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many MoUs have been signed between State Governments and private sector to set up power plants in private and joint sector during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof such as capacity of each project, location, date of completion, feeder areas, cost of project, profit sharing, etc.;

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(c) the States which have no power project of their own and are fully dependant on outside supply; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide them power plants?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) Information from the State Governments has been sought and will be laid on the Table of the House, on receipt of the same.

Privatization of power plants

†3909. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government now propose to privatize power generation plants after privatizing the power distribution sector in Delhi;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are selling power generation plants to multinational companies at throw-away prices and the people involved in this act are making the money?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) There is no proposal with Government of NCT of Delhi to privatize the power generation plants.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Signing of Framework Protocol with US for FutureGen Power Plants

3910. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed a framework protocol with the US to develop power plants not dependant on LNG or emission-free coal;

(b) if so, whether FutureGen project will set up 275 MW plant using coal conversion technology to gasify coal, oxygen and steam to produce hydrogen-rich synthetic gas;

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